Writ Petitions in various High Courts against the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987

2411. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parties, particularly businessmen, have filed writ petitions in various High Courts against the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 and the Reservation Order;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for which Government are not moving the various High Courts in this regard where this Act is being challenged by the various parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) A number of Writ Petitions were filed by different parties, including private sector cement units, synthetic packaging units and fertilizer units in various High Courts. Government moved the Supreme Court, got these cases transferred for vacating the interim stay orders as well as for final disposal of the Writ Petitions. The Supreme Court passed orders on 10th May, 1988 vacating the interim stays granted by various High Courts.

New Area to be brought under Tea Plantation

2412. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area to be brought under fresh tea plantation and also replantation, State-wise;

(b) the amount so far earmarked for this purpose: and

(c) by when these schemes are to be taken up and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The State-wise estimated area to be brought under new planting and also under replantation during the Seventh Five Year Plan is as below:—

State	New planting Area in Hectares	Replanting Arean in Hectares
Assam	11050	8975
West Bengal	3500	3950
Tripura	775	500
Others (HP, UP and Sikkim)	5200	325
Tamil Nadu	1900	950
Kerala	1600	900
Karnataka	250	..
Non- Traditional Area (Manipur, Arunachal, Mizoram, Nagaland and Orissa)	3500	..

(b) The amount estimated for the above operations during the Seventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 335 crores to be funded out of Tea Estate's own resources, borrowings from banks and Tea Board's loans/subsidy schemes.

(c) These are on going schemes of Tea Board.

Loan Agreement with Export Import Bank of Japan

2413. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any contract for loan with Export Import Bank of Japan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMTENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) However, recently two loans have been availed of by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), the terms of which are given below:

	IDBI	IRFC
(1) Amount	Yen 20 billion	Yen 15 billion
(2) Maturity	20 years	20 years
(3) Rate of interest	5.3% p.a.	5.3% p.a.
(4) Commitment fee	$\frac{1}{4}$% p.a.	$\frac{1}{4}$% p.a.

Increase in Non-Plan Expenditure

2414. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the non-Plan expenditure for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) whether it is a fact that non-Plan expenditure is increasing; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The non-Plan expenditure of the Central Government for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 are as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Years	Non Plan Expenditure
1986-87 (Actuals)	36747
1987-88 (RE)	41236

(c) The details of the above expenditure are:

(Rs. in crores)

	1986-87 (Accounts)	1987-88 RE	Variations
Interest payments	9236	11450	(+)2214
Defence Expenditure	10477	12000	(+)1523
Subsidies	5576	6279	(+) 703
Grants to States and Union Territories	1587	1822	(+) 235
Other non-Plan expenditure	9871	9685	(—) 186